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1. In the past two months over 100 junks have gone directly from Dairen to Tientsin, carrying iron rails, nails, iron plates, and small pieces of wood. Note:
It is not clear whether firewood or lumber is meant.)

The junks usually sail alone, but sometimes they sail in convoys of two's or three's. There is no customs examination of the cargo on arrival at Taku, but ships' papers are casually examined.

2. Of the junks that go to Tientsin, 20 percent return directly to Dairen. The remaining 80 percent go to Tsingtao and Yingkou (122-13, 40-40) from Tientsin. Cereals, potatoes, garlic, and flour are carried to Yingkou. From Yingkou local goods are taken to Dairen. This is the so-called "triangular service". The junks that go to Tsingtao carry local Tientsin goods. From Tsingtao they go to other Shantung ports, principally Chefoo, from which they carry fruits, vegetables, eggs, and pork to Dairen.

3. ten ships arrived in Dairen from Tientsin and Tsingtao. These ships, all junks, were held by the municipal authorities in Dairen on the charge of having come from Central Government areas. When the captains denied that they came from these cities, however, and claimed they had come from small coastal villages held by the Communists, the junks, cargo, and crew were all promptly released.

4. In Dairen there are thirty "Puff-puffs" Comment: ? Motor-powered Japanese junks? These crafts are owned and managed by both Soviets and Chinese Communists. The crews on both Soviet and Chinese boats are Chinese, but Soviet guards are carried.

5. There is a 5% export duty on all goods. There is also a 5% import duty on all goods except grain. These taxes are paid either to the Customs at the Customs House, or to the Municipal Government directly.

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6. Between Dairen and Chinnampo, Korea (125-24, 38-44) six 6,000 ton Soviet transports are used in daily shipments of machine gun and rifle ammunition and also a small amount of clothing and food. The cargo is unloaded in Dairen at the former South Manchurian Railway pier, and is taken from there to be stored in the former Mitsui warehouses.

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